

SENATE BILL 2779  
By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12  
and Title 29, relative to eminent domain.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 17, is amended by adding  
the following new part 13:

§ 29-17-1301.

As used in this part, unless the context otherwise requires, "economic  
development" means any endeavor, venture or enterprise to promote or stimulate the  
economy of a community through job growth, the establishment or growth of commerce  
and industry, increasing tax revenues or expansion of the property tax base or sales tax  
base.

§ 29-17-1302.

It is hereby established that it is not a permitted public purpose or public use for  
the state, a political subdivision of the state, or any entity to which the power of eminent  
domain has been delegated to condemn and take private property solely or principally  
for economic development by non-governmental entities.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.